THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) information is being collected from the State Government of Delhi.

Construction of Gurdwara in Puri

441. MS. PRAMMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a hi-tech revolving Gurdwara, the first of its kind in the country, would be contructed near the sea beach in Puri, Orissa, to mark the visit of Guru Nanak, the first Guru of Sikhs, to this holy city in 1506;

(b) whether this Gurdwara has already started functioning on a temporaty basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Ministry of Culture has no role to play when it comes to construction of places of worship. However, the Ministry of Culture could lend its logistical support if and when a private initiative is taken commenmorate the religious events which have historical significance.

Heritage sites in NER

442. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine national sites in the North Eastern Region (NER) are proposed to be recommended as World heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that Orissa is one of the historical heritage centres of the country which are the most sought after religious hubs in the World;

(d) if so, whether there is a proposal to recommend any of such centre as World heritage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?